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Post-Pandemic Health System

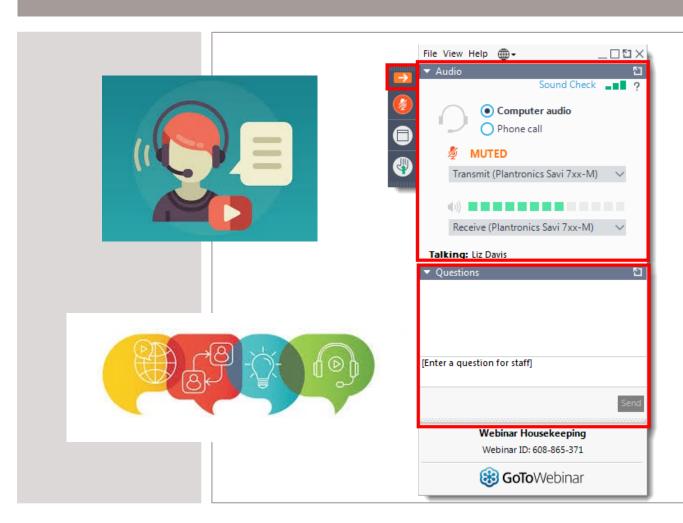
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April 27, 2021



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Vision

ITUP believes that all Californians should have a fair opportunity to live their healthiest lives.



ITUP Values



Universal – All Californians are eligible for comprehensive health coverage and services, including primary, specialty, behavioral, oral, and vision health services, as well as services that address the social determinants of health.

Equitable – All Californians receive health care coverage, treatment, and services that address the social determinants of health regardless of health status, age, ability, income, language, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration status, and geographic region.

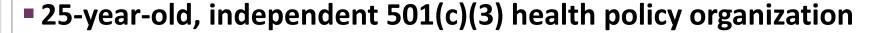
Accessible – All Californians have access to coverage options and services that are available, timely, and appropriate.

Effective – Health, health care, and related services that address the social determinants of health are person-centered, value-based, coordinated, and high-quality.

Affordable – Coverage and services are affordable for consumers at the point of purchase and care; and, at the health system level for public and private purchasers.



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Each year, ITUP:

- Hosts an annual conference
- Hosts online 360-degree Policy Forums and Webinars
- Runs a dozen policy and regional workgroups across the state from San Diego to Humboldt Counties (thanks for being with us today!)
- Produces 10 state and regional Health Coverage Fact Sheets
- Publishes in-depth issue briefs and high-level health policy fact sheets

We have 3 KEY FOCUS areas:

- Coverage and Access
- Delivery System Transformation
- The Future of Health





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COVID-19 Recovery: What Does a Post-Pandemic Health System Look Like?

AGENDA

April 27, 2021 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

1:00 – 1:10 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions	
1:10 – 1:40 p.m. Includes Q&A	L.A. County Pandemic Response and Recovery Update	
	John Connolly, Ph.D., M.S.Ed., Chief Strategist, Department of Public Health, County of Los Angeles	
	Katie Heidorn, M.P.A, Executive Director, Insure the Uninsured Project (Moderator)	
1:40 – 2:50 p.m. Includes Q&A	Lessons Learned: Improvements to a Post-Pandemic Delivery System	
	Richard L. Seidman, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Officer, L.A. Care Health Plan	
	Martha Santana-Chin, M.B.A, Government Programs Officer – CA Market, Health Net, LLC.	
	Bruce Pollack, M.B.A. , Senior Vice President of Strategy and Health System Integration, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital	
	Manjusha P. Kulkarni, J.D., Executive Director, Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON)	
	Warren J. Brodine, President and CEO, Eisner Health	
	Katie Heidorn, MPA, Executive Director, Insure the Uninsured Project (Moderator)	
2:50 - 3:00 p.m.	Takeaways and Wrap-Up	
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Today's Agenda





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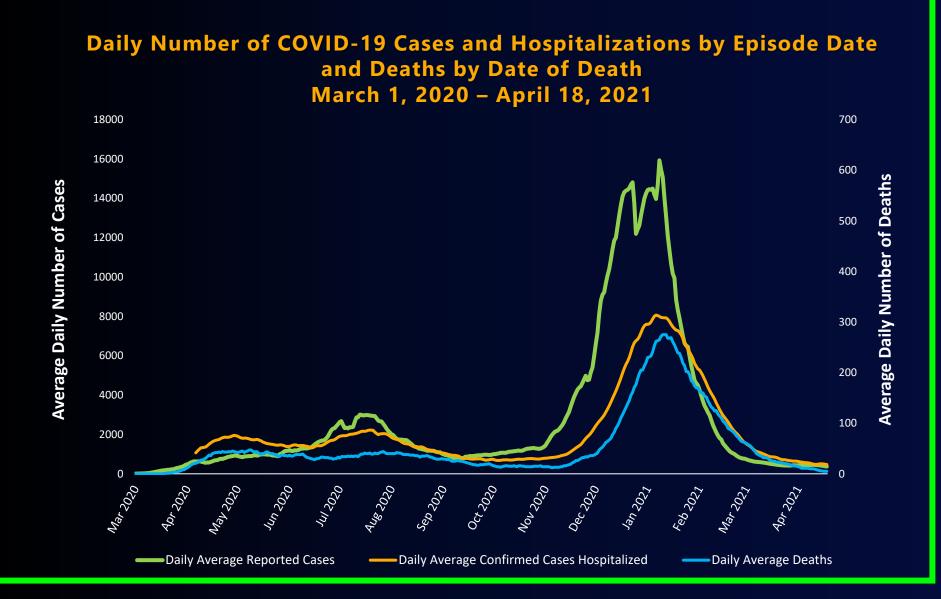


COVID-19 in Los Angeles County: Implications for the Future of the Safety Net Health Care System

John Connolly, Ph.D., M.S.Ed.

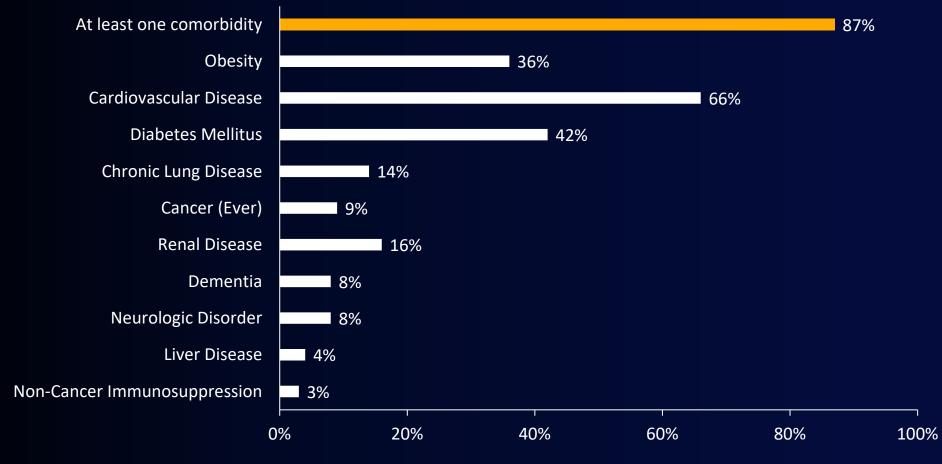
Chief Strategist

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health





Underlying Health Conditions of Patients Hospitalized for COVID-19 August 2020-January 2021





Underlying Conditions* Associated With Covid-19 Deaths, March 19, 2020 – April 12, 2021

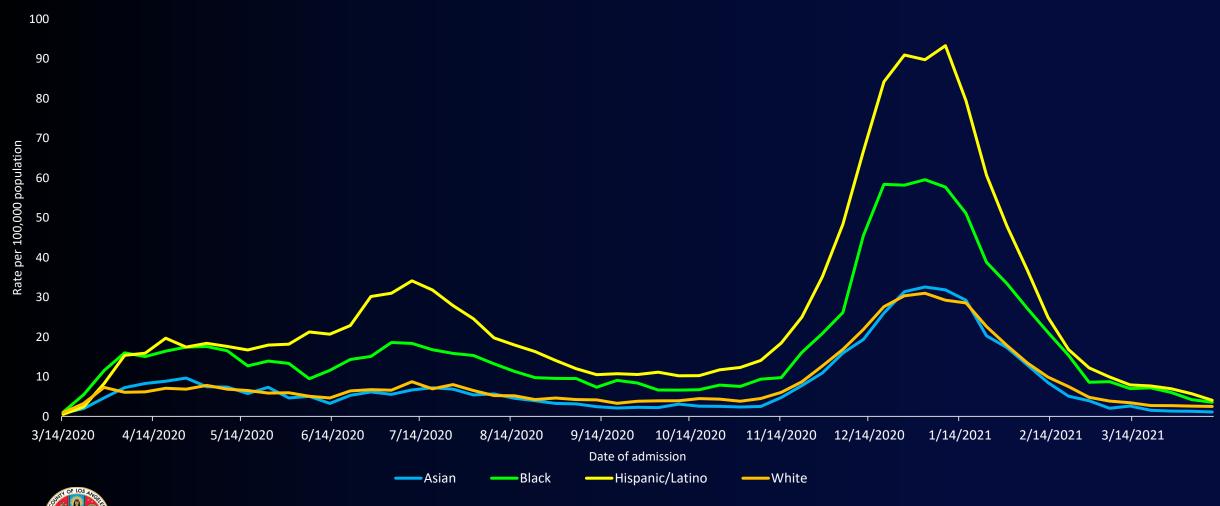
Underlying condition	Percent of Covid-19 Deaths Associated	
Any underlying condition	85%	
Hypertension	52%	
Diabetes	41%	
Cardiovascular Disease	26%	
Neurologic	21%	
Chronic Renal Disease	16%	

^{*}Underlying conditions were likely undercounted during the surge.

Deaths with any comorbidity and the top five comorbidities in the order of frequency are presented.



Weekly Age-Adjusted Rate of Hospitalization per 100,000 by Race/Ethnicity through April 10, 2021



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covid19.lacounty.gov

4/14/2021

Cumulative Case, Hospitalization, and Death Rate Ratios* by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
Pacific Islander	4.6	5.9	3.1
Hispanic/Latino	2.8	2.9	3.0
Black/African American	1.2	2.0	1.7
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2.0	0.8	1.6
Asian	0.8	0.9	1.3
White	Reference	Reference	Reference

^{*}Mortality Rate Ratios are calculated using age-adjusted rates, excluding Long Beach and Pasadena



COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of April 23, 2021

Total Doses Administered: 7,055,761

First Doses: 4,425,452

Second Doses: 2,580,308

Cumulative Proportion of Population 16 and Older who have Received at Least 1 Dose of Vaccine, by Week and Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	March 18, 2021	April 18, 2021	Relative Increase
Latinx	15.6%	30.4%	94.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	29.4%	49.3%	67.7%
Asian	33.2%	54.8%	65.1%
Black/African American	18.1%	29.8%	64.6%
White	31.9%	50.4%	58.0%
Multiracial	27.7%	37.5%	35.4%







Future of the Safety Net Health Care Delivery System

Greater Health Equity Focus:

- Intentional effort to eliminate disproportionalities
- Greater prioritization of root causes and social determinants of health
- DPH is an essential partner in this work
- CalAIM offers tools to make key steps forward

Future of the Safety Net Health Care Delivery System

CalAIM offers tools—with many choices:

- Population Health Management Program
- Enhanced Care Management
- In-Lieu-of Services

DPH is positioned to serve as key strategic and operational partner in these efforts.

Questions?



Lessons Learned: Improvements to a Post-Pandemic Delivery System

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L.A. Care Health Plan Membership

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Product Line	Enrollment (March 2021)			
Medi-Cal	2,216,279			
L.A. Care	1,184,371			
Subcontracted Plan Partners				
Anthem Blue Cross	471,610			
Blue Shield Promise Health Plan	333,096			
Kaiser Permanente	227,202			
L.A. Care Covered	96,511			
Cal MediConnect	18,581			
PASC-SEIU	51,730			
Total	2,383,101			

COVID-19 Impact

- L.A. Care Numbers (4-12-21)
 - *127,566 confirmed cases (10% of Los Angeles County reported known cases)
 - 20,353 members hospitalized
 - 3,927 reported deaths (16.6% of Los Angeles County reported deaths)
 - *315,000 at least partially vaccinated (18% of members eligible for vaccine)

^{*} Likely undercounts

COVID-19 Experience

- Disproportionate Impact
- Deferred Elective and Preventive Care
- Delivery System Stretched
- Difficult Transfers and Discharges
- New Access to Care Challenges
- Increased Need for Social Services

COVID-19 Response

- Disproportionate Impact
 - Wellness checks for high risk-members
- Increased Need for Social Services
 - Leveraged newly implemented Community Resource Platform
 - Referrals and Redirected Grant Funding to Food and Housing Providers
 - Partnered to Offer Food Distribution Events
- Deferred Elective and Preventive Care
 - Advanced payments to Hospitals, Clinics and Physician Practices
 - Extended authorization timelines
 - Member Outreach
- New Access to Care Challenges
 - Increased Use of Telehealth, Nurse Advice Line and Mail Order Pharmacy

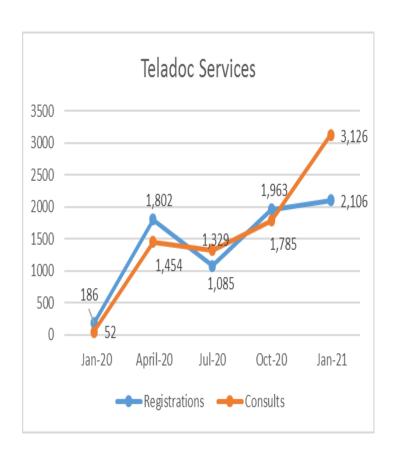
Increased Use of Virtual Visits and Other Resources

- Rapid expansion of telehealth services throughout our network by both primary care and specialty providers
- Nurse Advice Line (NAL)
 - Peaked by July 2020 (> 2.5 times baseline)
 - Now trending back down towards its prior baseline
- Increase demand for mail order pharmacy

Telehealth for Urgent Care

Teladoc

- Implemented in January 2020
- Increasing numbers of members registered and accessing Teladoc services
- The utilization rate now also trending downward





COVID-19 Response

- Vaccine Efforts
 - Member Outreach Campaigns
 - Advocated for equitable distribution to hardest hit communities
 - Sponsored Pop Up Vaccination Events

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Advocate for rational reintroduction of redetermination for Medi-Cal eligibility
- CalAIM
- Focus on Equity
- Increase adoption of virtual care
- Expand funding and access for primary care and social services
- Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure



Lessons Learned: Improvements to a Post-Pandemic Delivery System

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Government Programs Officer – CA Market, Health Net 4/27/21

Coverage for every stage of life™

About Health Net



The one of state's longest serving and most experienced
 Medi-Cal plan

- Our members:
 - 85% enrolled through a government sponsored plan
 - Two-thirds enrolled in Medi-Cal



 Partnering with California to transform Medi-Cal from the inside out, investing in infrastructure innovations that are evolving patient care



 Expanding access through more robust networks and bringing more providers with greater diversity into the system

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luring the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Encinitas,

Gov. Gavin Newsom announces statewide coronavirus shelter-in-place order for California

Immediate Pandemic Crisis Response





Health Net of California's Statewide COVID Response



Pandemic Response

Members Community



Access to care

- Virtual care
- Digital Health Tools
- Physical Health& Mental Health

\$500,000

Cell Phones + Minutes



Outreach and Community

- Education
- CBO COVID
 Response Programs

\$325,000

Economic Recovery, Aging, Domestic Violence



Food Insecurity

Feeding America –
 CalFresh

\$120,000

5 Food banks

Providers



Enablement

- Maintain Provider Relationships
- Rural, Urban Underserved
- Technical Assistance
- Infrastructure (laptops, internet connectivity, etc.)

\$13.8 M

138 Grantees



Stabilize and Support

- Capitation
- Accelerate Incentives
- PPE Independents, Nursing facilities

450,000

Units of PPE



Communication

Capacity Monitoring and Coordination

COVID-19 Vaccine: Strategy for Equity





Stakeholder Partnerships



- Leaders:
 - Policy
 - Health Care
- CDPH/DHCS
- County DPH LHDs
- Hospital systems
- LTC Facilities
- FQHCs, PCPs, Pharmacies, CBOs
- Trade Groups
- Health Plans and Plan Organizations



Provider Engagement



- Provider education
 - Vaccinator enrollment
 - Vaccine best practices
 - Communication strategies to increase vaccine confidence
 - Documentation requirements
- Multichannel
 - Webinars
 - Provider Portal
 - Provider Updates
 - Newsletter



Member Engagement



- COVID-19 member outreach and education
 - Care coordination and access to care
 - Infection prevention measures
- COVID-19 member outreach and education
 - Vaccine availability and access; dose reminders
 - Efficacy and Safety
 - Decrease hesitancy and increase confidence
 - Remove barriers to access
- Assistance scheduling appointments





- Leverage CDC, CDPH Vaccinate All 58, and Plan educational materials
- Community outreach and education for mass vaccination clinics
- Share logistics and protocols/work plans
- Share tools to decrease vaccine hesitancy and increase confidence
- Health Net staff volunteering at vaccination sites

Post-COVID World Issues



Providers

- Burnout
 - Self-Care
 - Resiliency Clinics for provider and staff
- Team based care
 - Multidisciplinary
- Integrated Care (PH/BH/SDoH)
- **Telehealth** flexibilities and **impact on practice** patterns
- Ongoing shift to value based care

Members

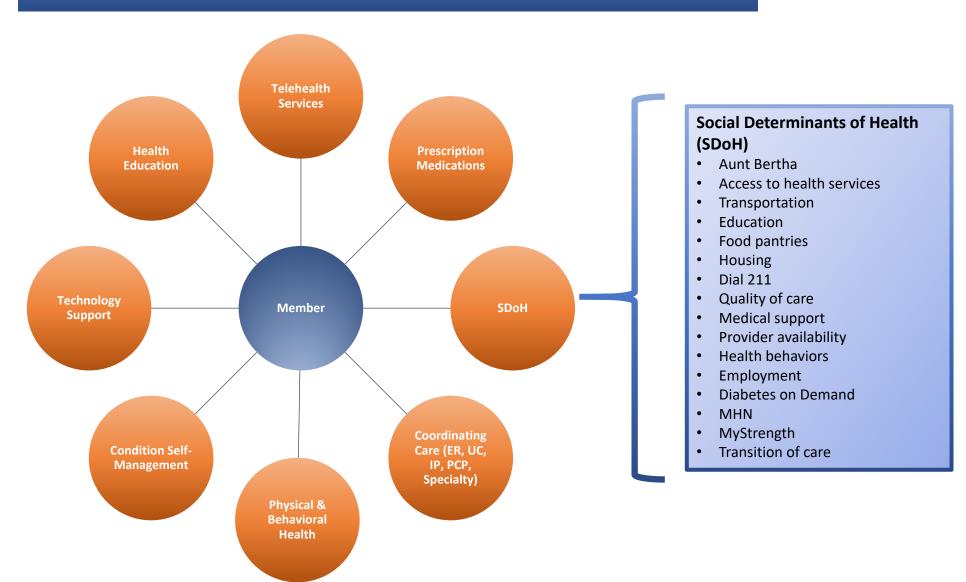
- Evolving expectations of access
 - Team-based care implications
 - Telehealth and convenience
 - Enabling technologies
 - Home-based care
 - Transportation
 - Pharmacy
 - Mail order, auto-refills

Other important topics

- Societal and policy shift recognizing need to address whole health, including SDoH and advancing parity in access to BH
- Focus on early screening, diagnosis and intervention
- Data exchange and interoperability
 - Real-time need to know for effective COVID Vaccines
- Leveraging partnerships across the broader ecosystem
 - Public Health, Behavioral Health, CBOs, Providers, Plans
- Addressing health inequities
 - Workforce development
 - Implicit bias & cultural sensitivity
 - Analytics & effective targeting
 - Motivational Interviewing
 - Effective care planning
 - Innovating models
 - Street medicine

Population Health Team Approach: Whole Person Care





POST COVID World



Social Determinants of Health (SDoH), Population Health and COVID-19

Food/delivery services (i.e. Instacart, CVS delivery, food pantries)

- Assists COVID-19 positive members prevent spread and protects others from exposure
- Improve access to healthy foods

Aunt Bertha (findhelp.org)

- Mission is to connect all people in need to programs that can help them.
 Collects all federal, state, county, city, neighborhood and charity program information and puts it in one place to make it easy for people to find and connect to these programs.
- Many members in need of financial support due to lost jobs and COVID-19 illness

Dial 211 for Essential Community Services

- Referral specialists receive requests from callers, access databases of resources available from private and public health and human service agencies, match the caller's needs to available resources and link or refer them directly to an agency or organization that can help.
- Many members in need of financial support due to lost jobs and COVID-19 illness

MHN (Managed Health Network)

- Behavioral health plan covers medically necessary mental health services and substance use disorder treatment. Benefits include sessions with therapists, psychiatrists or psychologists.
- Increase in depression and anxiety due to COVID-19 leading to need for support

Public Resources

- EDD (Employment Development Department)
- IHSS (Home Support Services)
- CalFRESH/SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program

Member education

- Critical support to members with chronic disease states (i.e. chronic lung disease, diabetes, cardiac conditions) at higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19 virus
- Clinical pharmacist and CM led education to manage chronic disease states and provide indepth medication/lifestyle counseling as well as COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccine education
- Social Worker, and Public Program Specialist, and Health Ed led education to reduce vaccine hesitancy and improve vaccination access and scheduling

Supportive measures:

- COVID-19 symptoms assessment & test result obtainment assistance
- COVID-19 treatment counseling & drug interaction check
- Post-discharge medication reconciliation & adherence counseling
- Self-isolation/quarantine education
- Assistance with appointments, prescription refills, & delivery options
- COVID-19 vaccine education/counseling
- COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy discussion
- COVID-19 vaccine appointment scheduling assistance

CalAIM incorporates lessons learned from COVID to shape the future of Medi-Cal



CalAIM: Goals & Objectives

Primary Goals

- 1. Identify and manage member risk and need through whole person care approaches and addressing Social Determinants of Health
- 2. Move Medi-Cal to a more consistent and seamless system by **reducing complexity and increasing flexibility**
- Improve quality outcomes, reduce health disparities & drive delivery system transformation and innovation through valuebased initiatives, modernization of systems, and payment reform

CalAIM presents a unique opportunity for Plans to closely collaborate with Counties and Community Based Organizations

- Population Health Management (PHM)
- Enhanced Care Management (ECM)
- In Lieu of Services (ILOS)
- Performance Incentives supporting infrastructure & capacity development

Guiding Principles

- 1. Improve the member experience.
- **2. Deliver person-centered care** that meets the behavioral, developmental, physical and oral health needs of all members.
- 3. Work to **align** funding, data reporting, quality, and infrastructure to mobilize and incentivize toward common goals.
- 4. Build a data-driven population health management strategy to achieve full system alignment.
- 5. Identify and mitigate social determinants of health and reduce disparities and inequities.
- **6. Drive system transformation** that focuses on value and outcomes.
- 7. Eliminate or **reduce variation** across counties and plans, while recognizing the importance of **local innovation**.
- 8. Support community activation and engagement through county and CBO partnerships.
- Improve the plan and provider experience by reducing administrative burden when possible.
- **10. Reduce the per-capita cost** over time through iterative system transformation.

CalAIM Overview: Timing and Target Populations



High-Level Timing

- 1. 2022: Standardize Enhanced Care Management (ECM) benefit
- 2022: Transition to statewide Medi-Cal Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS)/In Lieu of Services (ILOS)
- 3. 2022: Major Organ Transplant (MOT) benefit carved in
- 2022: Update medical necessity criteria for specialty mental health services (SMHS) to improve access
- 5. 2022 & 2024: Implement regional rates for Medi-Cal MCPs
- 6. 2023: Long Term Care (LTC) benefits carved in
- 2023: Dual Special Needs Program (DSNP) Aligned Managed Care enrollment in CCI Counties, 2025: non-CCI counties
- 8. 2023: Population Health Management (PHM) strategy
- 9. 2026: NCQA accreditation for Medi-Cal MCPS and subcontractors
- 10. 2027: Statewide Medi-Cal Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS)
- **11. TBD**: Add new benefit for children (0-6) to achieve 60% utilization rate, pay for performance for preventative service and continuity of care through a Dental Home

Fargeted Population(s)

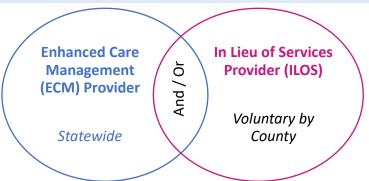
- Children or youth with complex physical, behavioral, developmental, and oral health needs (e.g. California Children Services, foster care, youth with clinical highrisk syndrome or first episode of psychosis).
- 2. Individuals experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- High utilizers with frequent hospital admissions, shortterm skilled nursing facility stays, or emergency room visits.
- 4. Individuals at risk for institutionalization who are eligible for long-term care services.
- 5. Nursing facility residents who want to transition to the community.
- Individuals at risk for institutionalization with serious mental illness (SMI), children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or substance use disorder (SUD) with co-occurring chronic health conditions.
- Individuals transitioning from incarceration who have significant complex physical or behavioral health needs requiring immediate transition of services to the community.

Enhanced Care Management (ECM) & In Lieu of Services (ILOS) Overview



Implementing Lessons Learned into New Medi-Cal Services

ECM Goal: provide a wholeperson approach to care. Addresses the clinical and non-clinical needs.



ILOS Goal: Medically appropriate and cost-effective alternatives to state plan services.

ECM Core Service Components:

- 1. Comprehensive Assessment & Care Mgmt Plan
- 2. Enhanced Coordination of Care
- 3. Health Promotion
- 4. Comprehensive Transitional Care
- 5. Member & Family Supports
- 6. Coordination of Referral to Community and Social Support Services

Provider Requirements

- 1. Experience and expertise with these unique services
- 2. Medi-Cal enrollment
- 3. Capability to submit claims or encounters

Housing Support

- Housing Navigation
- Housing Deposits
- Housing Tenancy & Sustaining Services

Transition Support

- SNF Transition/Diversion to ALF
- Community Transition Services/NF Transition to Home

Post-Acute Support Services

- Short Term Post Hospitalization Housing
- Recuperative Care (medical respite)
- Sobering Centers
- Respite Services
- Day Habilitation Services

At Home Support

- Personal Care & Homemaker Services
- Home Modifications
- Meals/Medically Tailored Meals
- Asthma remediation

ILOS Bundles:

4/27/2021

Evolving Population Health Management





CalAIM and Post COVID Principles

- 1. Embrace the learnings and CalAIM objectives and take the opportunity to catalyze transformation
- 2. Recognize the journey and look around corners to build for the future (Continuous Improvement)
- 3. Leverage cross-sector partnerships to build a robust ecosystem (social supports, county agencies, clinics, providers, hospitals, provider groups)
- 4. Simplification through collaboration as a guiding principle
- 5. Build the foundation to drive accountability and deliver outcomes, through a health equity and appropriate resource use lens



Thank you



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South Los Angeles

- 1.35 million residents
 70% Hispanic, 30% African-American
- 65% of household incomes <\$50,000/year
- 15% homeless
- 42% < 9th grade education
- 67% obese or overweight
- Medically Underserved and Health Professional Shortage Areas





South LA has Fewest Licensed Hospital Beds in LA County

Table 20. Licensed Hospital Beds per 100,000 population, 2017¹⁸

Hospital Service Planning Area (SPA)	Licensed Acute Care Beds per 100,000 Population		
SPA 1: Antelope Valley	154.5		
SPA 2: San Fernando Valley	222.1		
SPA 3: San Gabriel Valley	221.7		
SPA 4: Metro LA	538.5		
SPA 5: West	275.5		
SPA 6: South	67.2		
SPA 7: East	218.8		
SPA 8: South Bay	285.6		
Total	252.3		

Source: Hospital Annual Utilization Report, 2017. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Accounting and Reporting Systems Section. https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/hospital-annual-utilization-report



Race & Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino: 53%

Black or African American: 42%

Top Procedures

Amputations and Wound Care

Appendix Removal

Gallbladder Removals

Dialysis Access

Insurance Coverage

Medicaid: 73%

Uninsured: 14%

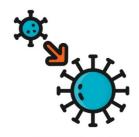
Medicare: 9%

Commercial: 4%

2020 Patient Profile

84,693 Patients

Top Reasons for Hospitalization



COVID-19: 3x the State Rate



Sepsis (without COVID-19): 2x the State Rate



Heart Failure/ Chest Pain: 2.5x the State Rate





Substance Abuse: 3x the State Rate



Diabetes: 3.3x the State Rate



Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: 1.5x the State Rate

Substance Abuse Patients: 18%

OF HOSPITALIZATIONS

Patients with

OF HOSPITALIZATIONS

Diabetes:

36%

Mental Health **Patients:**

13%

OVER 10,000 SEEN

Homeless Patients:

9%

OVER 7.000 SEEN







Hispanic or Latino: 80%

Black or African American: 16%

Insurance Coverage

Medicaid: 67%

Uninsured: 18%

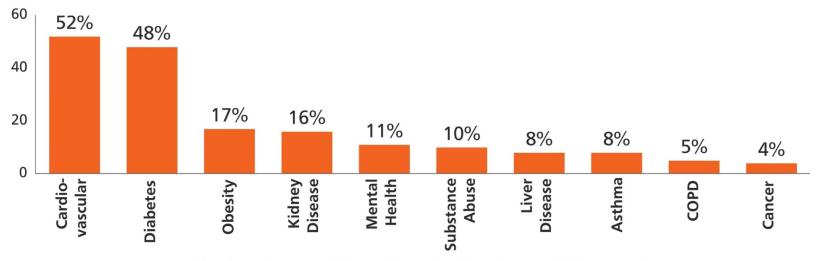
Medicare: 10%

Commercial: 5%

2020 COVID-19 Patient Profile

3,489 Patients

Disease Prevalence of Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients



82% of patients with at least 1 chronic condition and 56% of patients with 2 or more chronic conditions.

Intensive Care

Unit Rate:

OF HOSPITALIZATIONS

Ventilator

Rate:

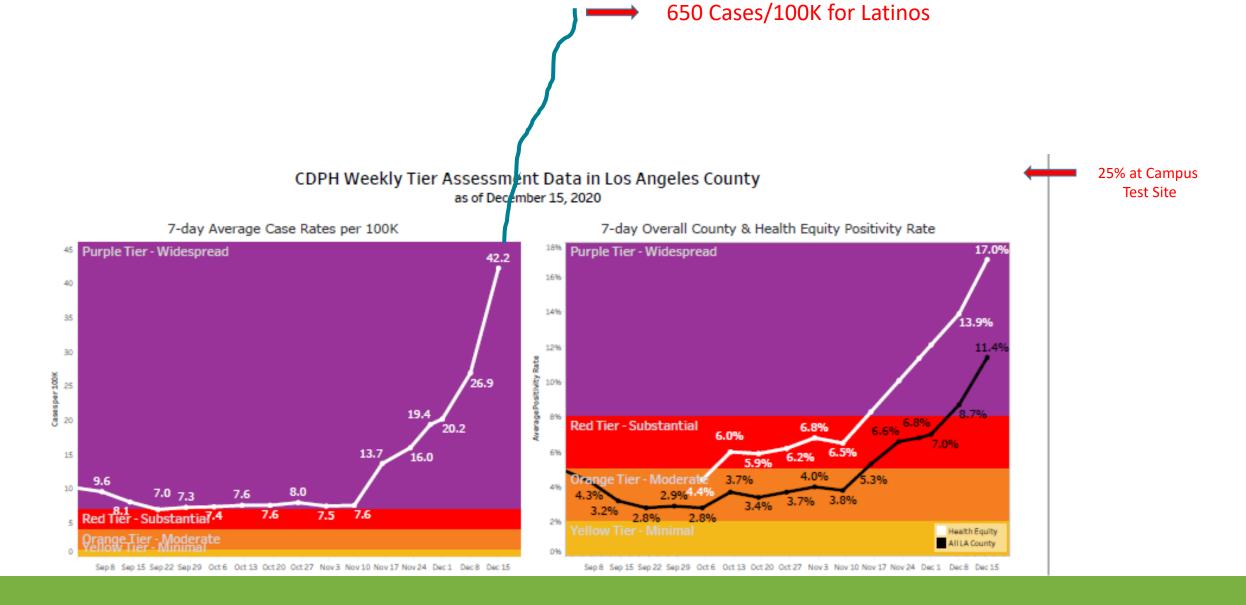
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Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to COVID-19 per 100K April 18, 2021

		Mortality Rate	
Los Angeles County Total		215	
Race/Ethnicity	Asian	157	
	Black/African American	199	
	Hispanic/Latino	352	
	White	119	
Area Poverty	<10% area poverty	122	
	10% to <20% area poverty	221	
	20% to <30% area poverty	294	
	30% to 100% area poverty	402	

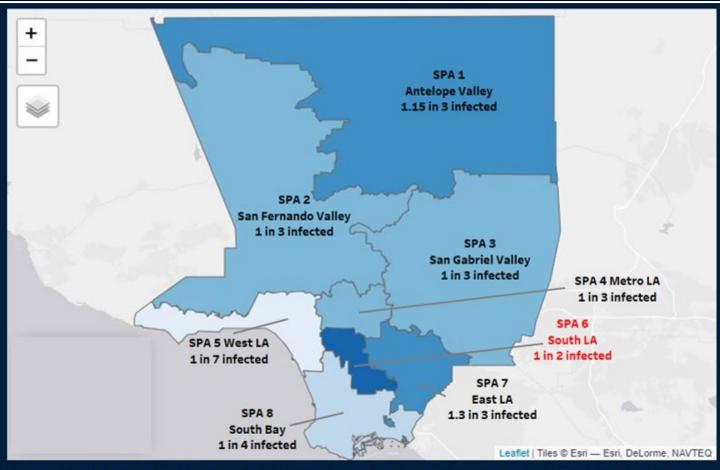






Approximately 1 in 3 persons in Los Angeles County has been infected with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.

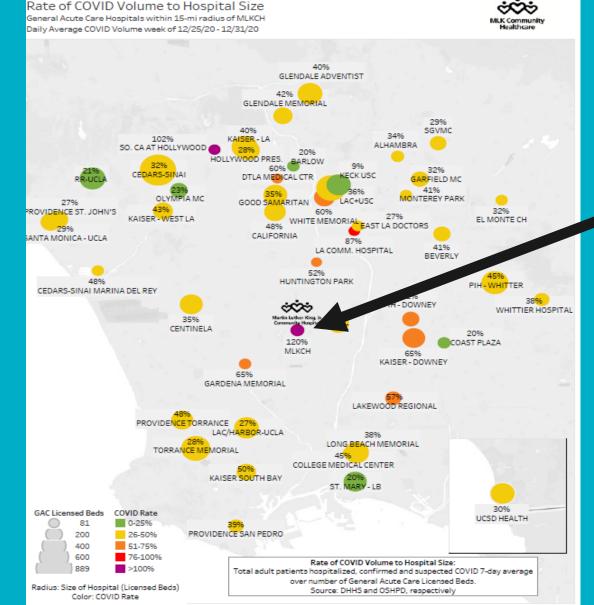
Estimates based on current case rates by SPA



Crude and Adjusted Rates are Per 100,000 population (2018 Population Estimates). Adjusted Rate is age-adjusted by year 2000 US Standard Population. Adjusted rates account for differences in the distribution of age in the underlying population. Adjusted rates are useful for comparing rates across geographies (i.e. comparing the rate between cities that have different age distributions).

Persons Tested derived from ELR data which is known to have a high frequency of missing addresses. These tested persons without an address will not be allocated to a geography.





120%

	GAC Lic. Beds	# of COVID Patients	Rate
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	131	157	120%
MEMORIALCARE LONG BEACH MEDICAL CENTER	411	155	38%
ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER	314	115	37%
LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER	600	214	36%

Increased Focus on Community and Population Health Post Pandemic



HOME BASED CARE



MOBILE HEALTH



STREET MEDICINE for HOMELESS



TELEHEALTH



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION



RECIPE FOR HEALTH



CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE



PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME





These programs result in:

- Decreased hospital average length of stay
- Decreased return to emergency department
- Decreased readmission rates
- Decreased cost of care
- Increased adherence / compliance with outpatient medical appointments









The Ultimate Impact



A Healthier Community in Body and Mind





However

 None of these programs is financially sustainable without philanthropy

 Savings accrue to the health plan or capitated entity

 Additional supplemental funding required



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MANJUSHA P. KULKARNI, ESQ. APRIL 27, 2021



A3PCON by the Numbers

A coalition of more than **forty** community-based organizations that advocates for the rights and needs of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in Southern California

A3PCON organizations serve and represent the **1.5 million** Asian Americans and **54,000** Pacific Islanders in LA County

AAPIs make up **15%** of the population

Founded in 1975 by a group of API executive directors

5 committees: environmental justice, housing and economic development, mental health, older adults and our human trafficking task force

250,000 community members are served every year



What does EQUITY mean for AAPIs?

- Many factors/barriers contribute to inequities/demographics/socio-economic factors
- Recognition of disproportionate impact on communities of color
 - African American, Latinx, indigenous and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders
 - Not enough research on impact/co-morbidities in AAs and NHPIs
 - ☐ Diabetes, heart disease, obesity, asthma
- □ Include factors like systemic discrimination and current racism for all communities of color, including AANHPIs
- Hate incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
 - Over 3800 COVID-19- related hate incidents reported to Stop AAPI Hate since March 2020



Need for Disaggregated Data

- □ Collection and reporting of disaggregated local and statewide data imperative to understand the disproportionate impact on smaller racial and ethnic populations within the larger race and ethnic categories to avoid masking disparities among sub-populations
 - Disproportionate impact on Filipinx (health care)
- ☐ Little data reporting and impact on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders
- Pacific Islanders have been one of the most disproportionately impacted communities



Language Access and Cultural Competency

- ☐ Informing materials need to be translated into multiple languages
 - □ Includes (but not limited to) Traditional and Simplified Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Khmer, Vietnamese, Thai, Hmong, Bangla, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Tagalog, Samoan, Tongan, Marshallese
- Outreach, education and services need to be culturally and linguistically appropriate
- Culturally appropriate outreach, messaging
 - Social media tools
 - Venues frequented by AAPIs- faith-based, markets, cultural events



Vaccine Distribution

- □ CBO outreach/education to dispel misinformation and encourage vaccine
 - ☐ Critical for hard-to-reach communities (LEP, immigrants, etc.)
- Need for accessible vaccination (and testing) sites in POC communities,
 - ☐ Community clinics that can provide culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance



What are AAPI Community-Based Organizations Doing to Address COVID-19 Needs?



Community Health Worker Outreach Initiative

- □ 17 AAPI organizations led by A3PCON, with ARI and NAPAFASA as substantive leads
- □ Provided culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach in over 19 different geographic locations and to 11 distinct ethnic communities
- □ Engaged over 44,000 community members though outreach and education about Covid-19 in course of six months
- Supported vaccine efforts in Chinatown and Thai Town by collaborating with local community health providers and through the deployment of mobile vaccination units that reached upwards of 1000 community members.



County COVID-19 Community Equity Fund

As part of this work our partners will:

- □ Conduct outreach activities and provide education/resources related to COVID-19 to community members
- Support LAC DPH's efforts to increase vaccine accessibility by facilitating mobile vaccine events, helping to pre-register community members for vaccines and providing staff for outreach and translation at vaccine sites
- □ Facilitate culturally and linguistically appropriate connections to wrap-around services to individuals and families who test positive for COVID-19



Other Health Grants/Awards

Los Angeles County, Governor Newsom and Blue Shield of California have come together to secure \$15 million to expand vaccine infrastructure in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

A3PCON is one of 41 local organizations identified as critical to supporting local vaccination efforts in the most in-need communities in LA County. Local partners will receive funding ranging from \$250K to \$500K to deploy resources and enhance capacity in communities disproportionately impacted by Covid-19.



Thank You!

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Boots on the Ground: Before, during and after COVID-19

Warren J. Brodine, President + CEO April 27, 2021

History of Eisner Health

- Founded 1920 Right at the end of the Spanish Flu epidemic
- Comprehensive care medical, dental, behavioral, hospital maternity care
- Compared among LA Centers
 - 6th Largest
 - Higher commercial payer mix (+2%)
 - Higher uninsured/MHLA than average (+/- +6%)
 - 53% < 100% FPG (compared to 59% LA County-wide)
 - Growing Medicare



Going into the Pandemic

- Statewide/County-wide
- ¼ of FQHCs <30 days cash
- Personnel instability provider recruitment/retention
- Antiquated reimbursement systems
 - Payment for visits only
 - Telehealth only approved 10/2019
 - No meaningful ACO development

- Eisner Health
- Cash crunch pending rate setting
- Better-than-average provider stability, rising risk in recruitment
- Tech challenged no telehealth
- Managed care growing but still really fee for service



Pandemic Impact



Dental (essentially) shuttered – reduced to emergency only – from 600 visits per week to 40

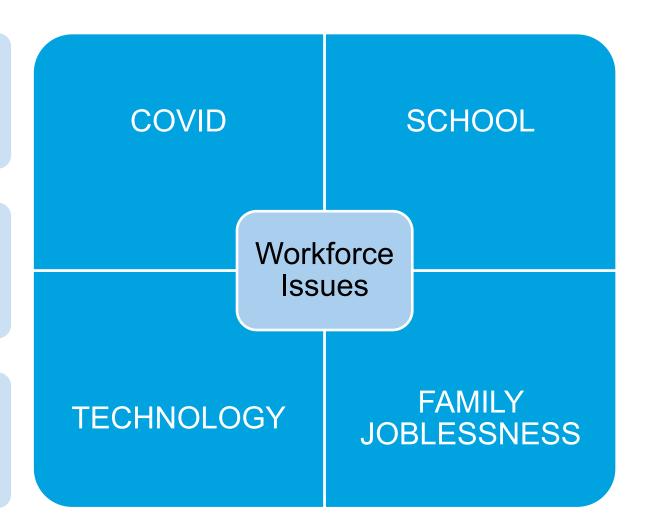


Care converted to telemedicine

– wherever possible



From 3/13/2020 – nonessential personnel converted to WFH





How Eisner Health got through

- Telehealth transition the pandemic finally gave health center patients equitable access to telehealth
- Federal Relief Eisner Health threaded the needle
 - PPP
 - FFCRA
 - CARES Act
 - ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)
- ...But statewide there are still gaps
 - The largest centers couldn't take full advantage
 - The smallest are still on edge and at risk
 - ARPA is a down payment on recovery, but is not yet relief



Recommendations for the Health Center Safety Net

- Meaningful alternative payment methodology (APM) that honors federal guarantees
 - Allowing the innovation that has occurred to remain in an equitable way
 - Protecting safety net financial upside from takebacks so ongoing investment can occur
- Long-term investments in infrastructure
 - Telehealth including telephonic care (trust doctors!)
 - Modernizing the physical care delivery network



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